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From a 1931 booklet of pen sketches of Illinois Wesleyan University

We stand in a position of incalculable responsibility to the great wave of population overspreading the valley of the Mississippi. Destiny seems to point out this valley as the depository of the great heart of the nation. From this center, mighty pulsations, for good or evil, must in the future flow, which shall not only affect the fortune of the republic, but reach in their influence other and distant nations of the earth.

Founders of Illinois Wesleyan

Peter Cartwright
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Founders’ Day Convocation

Westbrook Auditorium
Presser Hall
February 27, 2013
11:00 AM
Program
President Richard F. Wilson, Presiding
Professor R. Given Harper, George C. & Ella Beach Lewis
Endowed Chair of Biology, Mace Bearer

Prelude
Susan Klotzbach
Organist
Prelude: Symphony I, Movement VI
Louis Vierne
(1870-1937)

Processional (please stand)
Marc-Antoine Charpentier
(1643-1704)

Prelude from the Te Deum
Elyse Nelson Winger
University Chaplain

A Founders’ Invocation (remain standing)
Richard F. Wilson
President

Founders’ Day Remarks
Elyse Nelson Winger
University Chaplain

Special Music
City Called Heaven
(traditional African-American spiritual)
Ryan Woodall ’13, Gretchen Church, Pianist

Introduction of Speaker
Jonathan D. Green
Provost and Dean of the Faculty

Remarks
“Was the Civil War a Second American Revolution?”
Allen C. Guelzo

Alma Wesleyana
Ms. Klotzbach
(please stand and join in singing led by James Schiffer ’14)
National Hymn
George William Warren
(1828-1902)

From hearts aflame, our love we pledge to thee,
Where’er we wander, over land or sea;
Through time unending, loyal we will be —
True to our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.
When college days are fully past and gone,
While life endures, from twilight gleam til dawn,
Grandly thy soul shall with us linger on —
Star-crowned, our Alma Mater, Wesleyan.

— Professor W. E. Schultz (1935)

Recessional (remain standing)
Ms. Klotzbach
Concerto in G Major, Movement I
Johann Sebastian Bach
(1685-1750)

Processional participants include the University’s Endowed Professors and Faculty Committee Chairs

Allen C. Guelzo
The Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era at Gettysburg College
Author of Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America

Two-time Lincoln prize-winning historian Allen C. Guelzo is one of the nation’s leading authorities on the Civil War period. He has authored and contributed to over 25 books and articles on the topic and has written extensively on the life and presidency of Abraham Lincoln.

Currently the Henry R. Luce Professor of the Civil War Era and the director of Civil War Studies at Gettysburg College in Pennsylvania, Dr. Guelzo is the first double Lincoln Laureate. In 2000, he was awarded both the Lincoln Prize and the Abraham Lincoln Institute Prize for his intellectual biography of Lincoln, Abraham Lincoln: Redeemer President. Dr. Guelzo received both prizes again in 2005 for his book, Lincoln’s Emancipation Proclamation: The End of Slavery in America.

Originally interested in entering into the ministry, Dr. Guelzo received a bachelor of science in biblical studies from the Philadelphia Biblical University and a master of divinity degree from the Reformed Episcopal Seminary in Philadelphia. He returned to school to study history and earned a master of arts in 1979 and a doctorate in 1986 from the University of Pennsylvania. Dr. Guelzo also holds an honorary doctorate in history from Lincoln College in Illinois.

Dr. Guelzo’s essays, reviews and articles have appeared in publications ranging from the American Historical Review and Wilson Quarterly to newspapers such as the Washington Post and Wall Street Journal. He has been featured on NPR’s “Weekend Edition Sunday,” Brian Lamb’s “Booknotes” and “The Daily Show with Jon Stewart.”

An accomplished scholar, Dr. Guelzo has received several teaching and writing awards, including the American Library Association Choice Award, Albert C. Outler Prize in Ecumenical Church History, and Dean’s Award for Distinguished Graduate Teaching at the University of Pennsylvania.


Dr. Guelzo’s most recent book, Fateful Lightning: A New History of the Civil War and Reconstruction (2012), surveys the Civil War era and postwar Reconstruction period while also discussing the modern-day legacy of the Civil War in American literature and popular culture.